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1 [LA-32 Neighborhood Council JOINT Executive Committee and Board Meet](#)

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LA-32 Neighborhood Council
JOINT Executive Committee and Board Meeting
Tuesday July 29, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Barrio Action Board Room
4927 Huntington Drive, L.A., CA 90032

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments – Comments from the public on non-agenda items. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.
4. Discussion and action to approve August 6, 2014 General Board meeting agenda.
5. Roundtable – Discussion and possible action on status of exhaustive efforts, trainings, merchandise order and possible concerns of Executive Committee.

6. Adjourn

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two occasions, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take action. If the motion to reconsider and action is to be scheduled at the next regular meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) a Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a Proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker and for a maximum of 20 minutes, unless waived by the presiding officer of the board. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5., non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at El Sereno Senior Citizens Center, 4818 Klamath Place, LA, CA 90032 during the monthly General Board Meeting held the First Wednesday of each month. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Recording Secretary, Raymond Diaz, in writing. All Records can be viewed at the LA-32 NC office located at 4927 Huntington Drive. Suite 111 Los Angeles CA 90032. Agenda is posted for public review at the Barrio Action Youth & Family Center, 4927 Huntington Dr. LA CA 90032, and El Sereno Library 5226 Huntington Drive So. , LA, CA 90032, El Sereno Recreation Center, 4721 Klamath St, LA, CA 90032, Rose Hill Recreation Center, 4530 Mercury Avenue, LA, CA 90032, El Sereno Senior Citizens Center, 4818 Klamath St. LA CA 90032. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 485-1360 or NCSupport@lacity.org

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Hi all,

The Historic Highland Park NC has converted it's friends page to a Fan page! Now you can like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hhpnc> https://m.facebook.com/hhpnc?refsrc=http%3A%2F%2Ft.co%2FRO1sazO8YD&_rdr

Please like our page and ask your friend to like it too!

Stay connected, with all things Highland Park!

Best,

Monica Alcaraz, President
Historic Highland Park NC

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Northeast Community Newsletter
July 25, 2014

Community meeting next Thursday, July 31st regarding Glendale's proposed Scholl Canyon Landfill expansion and extension

Upcoming Events & Community Bulletin

In This Newsletter:

- Thursday, July 31st - Public Meeting Regarding Scholl Canyon Landfill Expansion
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- Summer Day Camp at Audubon Center at Debs Park
- Center for the Arts Eagle Rock Summer Art Camp

Thursday, July 31st - Public Meeting Regarding Scholl Canyon Landfill Expansion

Public Meeting

Thursday, July 31st

6:30PM

Eagle Rock Recreation Center

1100 Eagle Vista Dr.

Public Comment Period Extension

Friday, August 29th

The Office of Councilmember Huizar will host a public meeting for City of Los Angeles residents regarding the City of Glendale's proposed expansion of the Scholl Canyon Landfill. Hear from Glendale officials about the expansion, get your questions answered, and voice your concerns.

For more information, please call (323) 226-1646 or email lauren.ballard@lacity.org.

Eagle Rock City Hall Improvements Have Begun!

Built in 1922, just one year before Eagle Rock was consolidated with the City of Los Angeles, Eagle Rock City Hall was designated Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument #59 in 1969. Councilmember Huizar, a strong proponent of historic preservation fought hard to secure \$186,000 in this year's budget to renovate and restore this community gem. On Monday, July 7th, construction crews from the Department of General Services began work on Eagle Rock City Hall.

Interior improvements include new paint, remodeling the bathrooms, adding new carpeting and flooring, and much more! Exterior improvements will include turf removal, community space, and a new plant palette.

In order to allow for work to proceed as quickly as possible, Eagle Rock City Hall will be closed until the end of July to allow for the construction to move ahead.

During this time, our Northeast staff will be working out of our El Sereno Office, located at 4927 Huntington Drive North, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90032. Should you need to reach them, please call (323) 226-1646.

Weds., August 6th - Community Meeting to Explore Amending Hours of Colorado Blvd Specific Plan

Map from Colorado Vision Plan

Wednesday, August 6th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Center for the Arts Eagle Rock
2225 Colorado Blvd.

Do you own a business on Colorado Blvd? Do you shop or eat on Colorado Blvd? Do you live near Colorado Blvd?

The City of Los Angeles wants to hear from you about whether operating hours on Colorado Blvd should be changed, and if so, what the new hours should be. Currently the Specific Plan limits business operation hours to 7:00am - 9:00pm.

The meeting is hosted by a coalition of neighborhood groups including the Office of Councilmember Jose Huizar, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC), The Eagle Rock Association (TERA), Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and Design Review Board of the Colorado Blvd Specific Plan.

For more information, please call Councilmember Huizar's office at (323) 226-1646.

Councilmember Huizar & Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council Call for Artist Submissions for Utility Box Mini-Mural Project

Councilmember Huizar has worked to bring murals to other CD14 locations!

Calling all artists! Councilmember Huizar is proud to partner with the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council and Department of Transportation to bring utility box murals to Eagle Rock.

Are you an artist? Want to get involved?

Please contact christina.hulen@eaglerockcouncil.org with LA DOT Art in the subject heading. You will be sent a packet of information that includes the specs for the boxes.

Deadline for submissions is August 25.

For more information, please call (323) 226-1646.

Cuts for a Cause at Hassadah Hair Studio

Sunday, July 27th

9:00 AM

Hadassah Hair Studio

5136 York Blvd.

Each haircut buys a backpack with school supplies for a local kid who needs it! \$25 haircuts. The backpacks will be distributed at Highland Park's Freedom Church, located at 6408 Ruby Street, on August 10th. This is the second year they have given away backpacks in Highland Park.

BREAKWAY EDUCATION is seeking current and former teachers to coach the next generation of educators!

Mission Statement: Breakaway Education, a 501c3 organization, enhances education by placing passion and community leadership at the center of the learning and teaching experience. To achieve their mission, they recruit, train and support aspiring educators to lead highly-engaging after school programs across Los Angeles. Their after school programs are based around the passion of students and include art, music, dance, martial arts, sports programs and more.

Volunteer Opportunity: They are looking for Instructional Support Coaches to support their educators in the areas of training, coaching, lesson planning, classroom management, and teacher evaluation. This is an ideal volunteer position for a current or former teachers who can offer constructive feedback to young educators developing their teaching abilities for an education career. The commitment starts at 3 hours every 1-2 weeks. For more information, please contact their Program Manager, Monica Lomeli at 323-501-8082.

100th Anniversary of the Southwest Museum

Saturday, August 16

10:00 AM
Southwest Museum
234 Museum Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Come out and Celebrate the 100 year Anniversary of the Southwest Museum! This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

PLEASE NOTE: That there is a presentation with 3 or 4 speakers that is "sold out". However, all other activities are FREE and OPEN to the public.

The Autry website is going to be updated in the next few days so it's clear that the museum and other 100 year anniversary activities are open to the public on August 16th. It is the sit down presentation with 3 or 4 speakers that is "sold out." You can still come out and celebrate the 100 years with the community!

Join the Facebook event and get your questions answered [here](#).

Visit Autry's event page [here](#).

Free Kids Cooking Class at HLP Rec Center

FREE kids cooking class this fall at the Highland Park Recreation Center. Classes begin Sept. 18th. Ages 9+. Kids will learn safety in the kitchen, knife skills, one recipe a week and will visit the Community Garden. Katie Kildow, owner of Lemon Poppy Kitchen in Glassell Park, will be the main instructor. Sign up at the front desk, space is limited.

For more information, call (213) 847-4875 or email highlandpark.recreationcenter@lacity.org.

LADWP Now Pays Customers \$3 a Square Foot to Replace Their Lawn Cash in Your Lawn Incentive Jumps a Dollar Higher to Further Incentivize Outdoor Water Savings

To encourage more outdoor water conservation, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has increased its Cash In Your Lawn incentive to \$3 a square foot from \$2 a square foot for residential customers to replace their water-thirsty grass with California Friendly plants and other water-wise landscaping. Of the 600 million gallons of drinking water delivered daily in the City of Los Angeles, about half is used for watering outdoors.

All LADWP customers interested in the Cash In Your Lawn Program must pre-apply for a rebate and receive LADWP approval before starting the turf replacement project. The Department will rebate up to 2,000 square feet of lawn replaced, for a maximum cash repayment of \$6,000.

To help customers transition to water-wise gardens, LADWP, through its partnership with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, offers California Friendly landscape and gardening classes for customers to attend in person or take online.

Information can be obtained here.

Summer Day Camp at Audubon Center at Debs Park

Join the Audubon Center for a fun-filled adventure on the Arroyo Seco and Debs Park. One Week Camp Sessions 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

AGES 6-11

July 14-18: Arroyo Critters

July 21-25: Birding the Arroyo

AGES 9-11

July 28-August 1: Our Arroyo, Our Community

Register early to secure your child's spot! Fill out this form. Early drop-off (8am) and late pick-up (6pm) available. ****Financial aid is available****

Send or walk-in application to:

Audubon Center at Debs Park Summer Day Camp
4700 N. Griffin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90031

Questions? Contact Viviana Vallin at (323) 221-2255, ext 12; or email vvallin@audubon.org.

Center for the Arts Eagle Rock Summer Art Camp

Center for the Arts Eagle Rock Summer Arts Camp for ages 6-12 explores visual art, art history, craft, yoga, dance, performance, cooking, fort-building, ceramics, gardening, sculpture, textiles, and play-writing! Teachers are local, contemporary artists that combine art history, play-based learning, and

their own studio practices to create curriculum that gives campers the opportunity to explore artistic expression and establish community.

One Week Sessions Available

June 9th- August 8th

Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm

View Camp Catalog [here](#). Register [here](#).

For more information, contact Laura Marchetti, Director of Education laura@CFAER.org.

Keep Us Informed!

Do you have an important announcement or news item that should be shared with the Northeast Los Angeles community? Please forward any announcements to lauren.ballard@lacity.org. Additionally, please feel free to share our newsletter throughout all of your networks.

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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

We took a break from our newsletter last week to send you Team Cedillo event announcements. This week was still a bit quiet at City Hall as we finished up the last week of recess. We intend to be back in full effect on Tuesday.

The field office didn't skip a beat. They honored the Lummis Day planning committee, attended Galco's 4th Annual Soda Tasting and helped Debs Park and La Casita Verde celebrate some accomplishments. We all cleaned up CD1 in honor of our first year in office.

I ended the week joining advocates for immigrant children and had a few words with President Obama.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Recess Continues

This is the last week of recess. City Council will start again on Tuesday, July 29th.

FIELD UPDATE

Certificates for Lummis Day Foundation

Councilmember Cedillo recognized the Lummis Day Foundation members with certificates in honor of putting together another fabulous Lummis Day Festival. Thank you for all your hard work. You are making the First District #1!

Galco's 4th Annual Summer Root Beer Soda Tasting!

Galco's 4th Annual Summer Soda Tasting was very popular this past Sunday. The family-friendly event featured a myriad of root beer soda samples, live music, entertainment and a chance to chat it up with Galco's owner John Nese, aka the "King of Pop." This event serves as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition.

Galco's also made available the revolutionary, do-it-yourself Galco's Soda Creation Station where there are literally a million possible soda combinations. A first for the soda pop market, the Creation Station invites soda lovers to choose a mixture of flavors, add carbonation strength, mix and then cap and label a 12 oz. bottle.

This event never disappoints. Keep on 'fizzin'; Galco's!

Debs Park Summer Day Camp

(L) Patty Cortez, Conservation Education Intern, from Lincoln Heights (R) Viviana Vallin, Teacher Naturalist from Mt. Washington

The Audubon Center at Debs Park has been running summer camps since 2005. It began with just over 20 campers and has grown to 170 campers this summer. The camp is called "An Arroyo Adventure" and is focused on being outside, exploring, learning, meeting new friends, and having fun. The campers spend time with the Center's teen members, the Arroyo Green Team, and Summer Interns.

Last Friday, campers participating in the summer day camp hosted a community open house. Community members heard all about the camper's experiences and they ended the afternoon with a song reminding us that we are all truly flowers.

Today the Center will also host Audubon Film Fridays, featuring the documentary Earth Flight, beginning with a live animal presentation at 7:00 pm.

La Casita Verde Child Center celebrates graduation!

La Casita Verde Child Development Center, located next to the Southwest Museum Gold Line Station, celebrated a preschool graduation with a performance of The Three Little Pigs for their delighted families.

They huffed and puffed. Congratulations!

1 Year Anniversary Clean Up

Last Saturday, Councilmember Cedillo celebrated his one year in office by recommitting himself to 'Keep It Clean.' Volunteers and crews cleaned hot spots in Elysian Park, Solano Canyon trails, Chinatown, Victor Heights and the Sunset corridor. Thank you to the 150 volunteers that joined us, especially the following organizations:

- Los Angeles Dodgers
- Central City Action Committee
- HealthRIGHT 360
- Amity Foundation
- Cri-Help
- Central City Neighborhood Partners
- North East LA Little League
- El Centro del Pueblo
- Chinatown Service Center Youth Center
- Eastwind Youth Foundation

NEWS UPDATE

Supporting Children Over Politics

On Wednesday, Councilmember Cedillo joined the Service Employee International Union (SEIU) and the Children Over Politics campaign, community organizations, faith leaders, students, labor unions and impassioned community members that are fasting for a week to support the children of Murrieta and end the humanitarian crisis at our border.

President Obama Visits Los Angeles

On Thursday, Councilmember Cedillo joined President Obama at LA Trade Tech College for the President's address on the economy. The Councilmember had a chance to speak with the President after the speech. He expressed his concern for the immigrant children in detention centers. The conversation went a little like this.

Cedillo: Mr. President, we have to take care of these kids. You cannot deport them.

Obama: We can't afford it.

Cedillo: We can't afford not to take care of these kids. You just gave a speech about not giving up and not being cynical. You can't be cynical on this issue.

Obama: How are we going to pay for it?

Cedillo: The City of LA will do its part to share the responsibility.

Obama: (See picture above)

NELA LAPD Reminds You to Protect Your Stuff

Last week we had over a dozen Apple products stolen in Northeast! Most of these crimes took place in Silver Lake, East Hollywood, the Franklin Hills, Los Feliz, & Echo Park. Unfortunately, many were also taken from unlocked cars, or left in plain view. These are very popular items with criminals. Lock it, hide it, keep it -- and spread the word to your neighbors.

Arapahoe Street Clean Up

National Night Out Cypress Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congressman Xavier Becerra's
Changes in Medicare/Medical Forum
Wednesday, August 6th, 2014
10:00 AM — 11:00 AM
Lincoln Heights Senior Center
2323 Workman Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Sacred Heart High School
3rd Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday, July 26th, 2014
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
2111 Griffin Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Chinatown Summer Nights
Second Saturdays

June/July/August
5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
943 N. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Hello Neighbor!

The Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan: Amend It?

Please put Wednesday, August 6, from 7:00-9:00pm on your calendar, and join us for a community-wide meeting at the Center for the Arts to discuss amending the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan. At this meeting, the City of Los Angeles will listen to your thoughts about changing the business operating hours dictated by the Plan, which are currently 7:00am – 9:00pm. Do you think the hours should be changed, or left alone? If you want them changed, what should the new hours be? Or, do you think the operating hours provision should be struck entirely?

Click the flyer (PDF) below for details. There's a FAQ section on the back of the flyer, with the most common questions that come up when Eagle Rockers discuss the Specific Plan. (Click [here](#) for a PDF copy of the Specific Plan itself.)

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bw6IAldkWXSHTEZoVUYxRIdNZFk/edit?pli=1> <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bw6IAldkWXSHTEZoVUYxRIdNZFk/edit?pli=1>

Read below the fold for even more info.

Why is Eagle Rock tackling this issue now?

First, because we can – and second, because an assessment of this unique part of our Specific Plan, which was established back in 1992, is long overdue; no other Specific Plan in Los Angeles dictates business hours. Now that we're in the 22nd year of this experiment, it's obvious to anyone who strolls Colorado that there's a crazy-quilt of compliance with those 7:00-9:00pm hours: some shops and restaurants are dutifully abiding by the operating hours; some are violating them (knowingly or unknowingly); some are automatically exempt from them; and others have paid thousands of dollars to become exempt.

Background:

The force behind most sensible Land Use decisions in Eagle Rock is TERA (the Eagle Rock Association), and they have been lobbying for a change to the operating hours provision of the Specific Plan for years. (Read their own FAQ about the Plan at this link, and click around for more history.) The ERNC's current involvement began 2 years ago, when a few members researched the Plan, and asked questions: Were confusion and rumors about the Plan, let alone its regulations, scaring new businesses away from Colorado? Was the Plan hindering some existing businesses, while giving others an unfair advantage? Were big developers and pricey lawyers allowed to game the system? What was the process for taking the Plan into the shop, opening the hood, and replacing its broken parts?

http://www.tera90041.org/tera_faq0.aspx

The answer to the latter, repeatedly, was that it was practically impossible to change a Specific Plan; the amendment process is expensive and time-consuming, and until someone came up with \$100,000 to pay for an employee to work on the amendment full time, in the middle of a recession, it just wasn't going to happen.

Recently, however, all that nagging paid off; there was a glimmer of hope that a small change to the plan – in this case, the operating hours – would be possible, via a motion in City Council. Credit goes to the Planning Department for being flexible, and especially to the staff of Councilmember José Huizar for listening, doing the legwork, following up, and making this thing real.

What's next:

On Aug. 6, the City of LA, in the person of Council District 14 and Planning Dept. staff, will listen to Eagle Rock's thoughts on amending the Plan. The nuts-and-bolts process after that is best left up to these City employees to explain; it's not complicated, but it is a bit opaque, as most bureaucratic processes are.

One anticipated byproduct of the Aug. 6 meeting will be a renewed focus on the rest of the Specific Plan. There's a lot of interesting stuff in there, and to discuss: Some argue that Specific Plans like ours are rarely enforced and inconsistently interpreted by the City of Los Angeles, whose default setting seems to be to help developers evade their regulations. That's a structural problem with the City of L.A., but it becomes our problem, when, say, a mini-mall or drive-thru opens on Colorado, even though they're prohibited by our Specific Plan. But that's a topic for another day.

Please join us on August 6.

This meeting is the result of a collaboration among groups who all care about Eagle Rock: Councilmember Huizar and his staff, the ERNC, TERA, the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce, and the Design Review Board of the Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan. Each group has their own take on the Plan, but all agree that it should be a net benefit for Eagle Rock. But the largest group who should be influencing this decision are the people who live and work here. So if you like what you see on Colorado Boulevard these days – or if you don't – you should come to the meeting. The more input the City of Los Angeles gets, the better decision they will make.

For the record, the ERNC isn't advocating any specific changes to the operating hours, at least not yet. The meeting on August 6 is all about listening to you.

Contact Us:

If you have any questions about the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, please contact the ERNC Communications Team, and we'll get back to you within 24 hours: info@ernc.la

ERNC President David Greene writes these newsletters. If you have a content-related question or comment, contact him at: david.greene@ernc.la

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6 **Highland Park Mural Needs Help**

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http://egpnews.com/2014/07/highland-park-mural-needs-help/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=highland-park-mural-needs-help

By Jacqueline García, EGP Staff Writer

For 18 years, a colorful mural on the corner of Avenue 61 and Figueroa Street in Highland Park has served as visual lesson on the history of Mexican Americans. It's not uncommon for passersby to stop to

take-in the iconic imagery contained in "Mexico-Tenochtitlan: A Sequence of Time and Culture."

"I see many people coming to take pictures and some of them are professional photographers," said Pete Choi, owner of the Dollar Deal Discount Store where the mural is painted.

Choi told EGP that the mural is unique and he believes "it is good for the community of Highland Park."

Through the years, however, the mural has lost some of its original essence. It has been vandalized and tagged multiple times, the paint is fading and the wall is cracking in some sections.

The "Mexico-Tenochtitlan: A Sequence of Time and Culture" mural is located in the corners of Avenue 61 and Figueroa Avenue in Highland Park. (EGP photo by Jacqueline García)

The "Mexico-Tenochtitlan: A Sequence of Time and Culture" mural is located in the corners of Avenue 61 and Figueroa Avenue in Highland Park. (EGP photo by Jacqueline García)

Anthony Ortega and Andy Ledesma, two of the mural's original artists, hope to restore the mural, but don't have the money to get it done.

The mural was painted by the Quetzalcoatl Mural Project (QMP), a program to provide youth in underserved Los Angeles neighborhoods with opportunities to show their talent through public art. Ortega and Ledesma co-founded QMP and are now spearheading a campaign to bring the mural back to its original glory.

They have been trying since July 2009 to get a full restoration effort underway. In January of this year, they were able to raise enough money to remove the graffiti left behind by taggers, but the more extensive and costly work, fixing the cracked sections of the exterior wall and applying anti-graffiti glaze for conservation, have yet to be completed.

The muralists told EGP that they are reaching out to Highland Park residents, businesses, organizations and anyone who is interested in preserving the mural for help.

According to Ortega, with the help of Councilman Gil Cedillo, in whose district the mural is located, they have applied for an \$8,000 grant from the city's Cultural Affairs Department (DCA).

"We are supportive of the project and have voiced this to DCA," Cedillo spokesman Freddy Ceja told EGP. However, "We have not been able to get a response with regards to where the proposal is," Ceja told EGP.

Ortega said the \$8,000 grant would be a great boost, but added it could cost up to \$25,000 to complete a full restoration.

The mural holds special meaning for Ortega beyond its importance as a significant piece of public art. He said the mural is an homage to his friend Daniel Robles, an honor student at Roosevelt High School who was the victim of gang violence. Before he was killed, Robles had this idea to paint a series of murals to educate people about his cultural heritage and the historical contributions made by Mexican-Americans in the areas of art, science and humanities, said Ortega.

So Ortega secured the building's then owner's permission to paint the mural and lined up 14 other muralists to work on the project. Four months later in December 1996, they unveiled the 100-foot long, 20-foot tall mural to the community.

"We would spend days at the library learning about culture and giving out ideas to see what we wanted to portray," Ledesma told EGP.

From birth and nature to history and the fight for human rights, the mural depicts historical moments in a colorful display that can be seen from far away. Even passengers riding the Metro Gold Line can admire the mural as it passes by Avenue 61.

John Densmore, former drummer of the famous rock band "The Doors" and "Rage Against the Machine" lead singer Zack de la Rocha, partially funded the original mural project back in 1996. Ortega said Densmore has donated \$1,000 to this latest effort.

In January, Ortega and John Estrada, another of the original artists, removed graffiti and repainted a small section of the mural.

A closeup of the mural located on Avenue 61 in Highland Park.(EGP photo by Jacqueline García)
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Choi told EGP that taggers seem to be respecting the cleanup, and have so far not retagged the mural.

Eighteen years ago, Highland Park was a "hot area" for a mixture of culture, graffiti and art. "We wanted to show cultural perspectives not only from the intellectuals, but also from the street experiences," Ledesma told EGP.

Ortega said they hope to find the original artists to restore the mural once funding is in place, but "since some [artists] have moved on, or moved out of the city," they may have to work with local artists and volunteers.

He told EGP that he's not going to give up on his passion to be able to contribute positively to the community. "I spearheaded it 20 years ago, and I still have to spearhead it now," he said.

Ledesma currently lives in Texas but told EGP he is excited about coming back to L.A. in a few weeks to start working on the mural.

"We have had nearly 20 years to reflect on the original project," he said. "I'm interested to see how Highland Park has changed."

Proud of their Chicano background, Ortega and Ledesma both said they hope the mural will inspire young artists in the community for another 20 years.

For more information on how to help or donate, call (720) 998-4370 or email eagle1_35@hotmail.com.

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7 **The Coolest Hot Spot on the LA River**

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Have you been to The Frog Spot yet? FoLAR's weekend summertime oasis on the LA River bike path is open and free to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 8AM to 4PM. Visit us in Elysian Valley at 2825 Benedict Street, LA 90039 near Newell Street.

Each weekend, The Frog Spot is a gathering place for a rainbow of activities. At times, it's a visitor center, where FoLAR staff provides information for exploring the river and contemplating its future. At other moments, The Frog Spot feels like an outdoor river lounge beckoning you to enjoy the wind in the willows under pure blue skies. For some, it's a welcome weekend warrior pit stop to cool down with a popsicle or patch a bike tire. Whatever your interests, why not stop in and stay a spell? Walk the dog, form a team for bocce ball, or visit the kids' corner at FoLAR's gateway to the LA River.

On Saturday nights from 5-8PM, The Frog Spot hosts a weekly fundraiser for Friends of the Los Angeles River entitled, SUNSET AT THE OASIS. A \$15 minimum donation to FoLAR offers a unique mix of live music, culture, nature, and community with light snacks and your choice of beer, wine, or soft drinks. All ages are welcome to enjoy this groovy vibe.

Photo of the band, Creeps, performing earlier this month by Grove Pashley

PERFORMING SATURDAY, JULY 26:

The P. M. Sounds
Two-piece surf rock & roll.

This LA duo, The P.M. Sounds includes Jesse Edgars on guitar and vocals plus Nickolai Preiss on drums.

The Imposters
Three guys noodlin'.
The Imposters from Hermosa Beach features Nickolai Preiss on guitar, Miles Gretsky on drums, and Evan Hein on bass. Their adventures on tour include surfing, skateboarding, and exploring rivers, having recorded their newest live album at a concert on the edge of the Mighty Mississippi.

Lewis MacAdams, Host of Sunset at the Oasis
FoLAR Co-Founder & President

Lewis MacAdams is a poet, journalist, and filmmaker who envisioned FoLAR as a "forty-year artwork" to bring the Los Angeles River back to life. He feels his work will be done when the Steelhead Trout run returns to the River.

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From Riverside Drive, take Newell Street northeast until it ends. A quick right on the bike path will lead you to The Frog Spot. Easy street parking on the weekends.

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8 **Glassell RC - Flag Football & Soccer Registration**

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Glassell Park Recreation Center
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Begins July 26
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General Information:

Soccer is offered for youth ages 5-8; flag football is for ages 5-12.

The full fee (\$65) must be paid in full upon registration.

Practices will begin in early September. Game dates TBA.

Coaches needed. Contact the office for more details.

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